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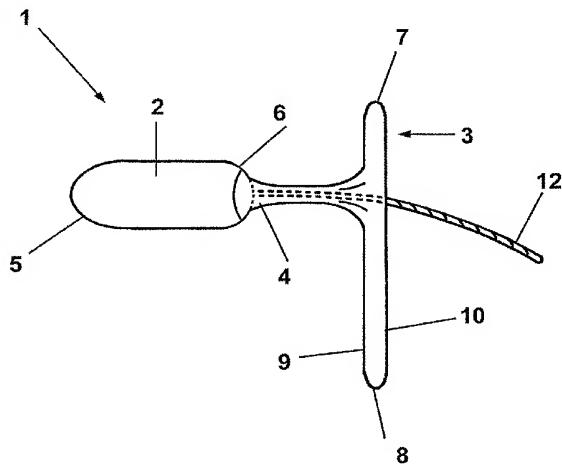
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(57) **Abstract:** This invention relates to a sanitary product (1) for use by women for the absorption of menstrual fluid and such like. The product (1) comprises a plug (2) and a pad (3) joined by a sheath (4). The plug (2) is substantially cylindrical so that it fits comfortably in a vaginal cavity. The pad (3) remains outside the vaginal cavity, but has an absorbent layer on an inward side (9) proximal to the plug (2) and a liquid impermeable layer on an outward side (10). The sheath (4) comprises a tube of absorbent material for drawing excess menstrual fluid from the plug (2) to the pad (3) and has a layer of liquid impermeable material on its inside surface. It extends from an outward end (6) of the plug (2), proximal to the pad (3), both to and through the pad (3). In use, a wearer can insert a finger into the sheath (4) from the outward side (10) of the pad (3) to assist with insertion of the plug (2) into the vaginal cavity. When the product (1) is in place and the wearer's finger has been removed, the sheath (4) has sufficiently small diameter to avoid exerting any significant pressure on the vaginal orifice. A string (12) is provided that extends inside the sheath (4) from the outward end of the plug (2) to aid removal of the product (1).

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